

Amendments to the Claims:

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17. (original) A device for displaying at least one article of hosiery, comprising:

a main body having a hosiery attachment region defined by a multiplicity of openings formed through the main body in multiple adjacent rows, each of a plurality of the openings forming an array of the openings extending in both a longitudinal extent and a transverse extent of the main body;

at least one article of hosiery;

at least one fastener element for securing the at least one article of hosiery to the main body through any individual one of the openings, said at least one fastener element including a plastic fastener having a thin elongate body of a predefined girth for penetrating the at least one said hosiery article without damage thereto and enlarged retainer portions at opposite ends of said elongate body;

a hanging portion means associated with said main body in centered relation with respect to the longitudinal extent and configured for mounting engagement with a display fixture for suspension of said main body and the at least one hosiery article therefrom with said longitudinal extent of said main body in a generally horizontal disposition;

each opening in said hosiery attachment region being of a selected size and configuration in relation to the girth of the fastener element to be adapted for extension therethrough of the at least one fastener element, the array of openings being sufficiently closely spaced in the longitudinal and transverse extents in relation to the girth of the fastener element to eliminate the necessity of aiming the at least one fastener element in alignment with any individual one of the openings; and

the openings in the array of openings being uniformly spaced from one another by a distance less than the size of an individual one of the openings.